

Roads

- Load limits were put on the roads on March 2, 2016. It is expected they will remain on until the end of April or early May while the frost leaves the ground. These limits restrict the travel of heavy loads, limiting them to 4 tons per axle. This time of year is when the roads are at their weakest. The load limits are designed to help protect the roads and ensure their longevity.
- We are eagerly awaiting warmer, drier weather so we can start grading and shaping the gravel roads. About 10 cross culverts were undermined with the recent rain fall causing either large holes in the road or severe dips. We were able to address all of these the day after the rain. We are continuing to keep a close eye on all of the areas. Three of the worst culverts are planned to be replaced this fall.

Parks

- The concrete floors in the shower facility at BBTP have been finished with an epoxy-chip seal. The finished product looks amazing and will be easier to clean, safer to walk on, and last a life-time. The two remote bathrooms will be sealed when it gets warmer out, hopefully in April.
- We brought in some top soil and pit run to lift and improve the two camp hosts camping sites. This will give them a little more room and more of a lawn to camp on.
- I am very disappointed in the craftsmanship that was used to construct the shower facility at BBTP. Several little things have surfaced since the completion, which I will happily discuss as opposed to list here. I plan to address them in the coming year's budgets to try and fix.
- The new Parks Supervisor Position is being advertised until April 7th. I will review the applicants, interview and hope to have a selection by the April 26th town board meeting for your approval.
- The MIWP has decided to not have two interns this year doing invasive species control work and are going to hire a consultant to plan and work on the Capser Trail area.

Equipment

- The worst news for the month is that a cracked frame was discovered in our 1996 pick-up truck. We have removed this truck from service. The engine, transmission, radiator, bumper, wheels, tires, and plow have been removed. The wheels and tires are going on the MRF truck. The engine and transmission will go into the 1996 1/2ton we inherited from the fire dept. (its motor has been running on 7 of 8 cylinders, waiting for a transplant). The plow will be put up on a silent auction and sold. The good news is that we had planned on selling this truck in the spring and plan to buy a newer used ¾ ton truck to replace it. With a new 2 ton patrol truck on order, I am going to try and not replace this truck right away and see if we can wait a year to assist with other unforeseen expenses.
- Adam installed a few more strobe lights on the new police car and addressed some other issues that needed fixing.
- Our 1993 10 yard dump truck (Fred) blew a power steering line and was fixed after a lengthy search for parts.
- The Zoning car had new oxygen sensor installed and the brakes cleaned. It has been getting used more lately by all departments for different trainings and meetings.

- The 410 backhoe had an oil change
- During April, all of the trucks will receive spring maintenance including: oil changes, greasing, and DOT inspection.

Admin/Misc.

- Right before the warm up and load limits were put on, we were able to haul approx. 500 yards of clay from the spoils site by the sanitary district to the industrial lots. This expanded the industrial zone by two lots to accommodate the two new rentals we acquired this year.
- Our annual MSHA (Mine Safety & Health Administration) training was held in Bayfield, WI on March 29, 2016. Topics included: First aid, Jobsite Safety, Equipment Repair Safety, Hand/Power tool Safety, Hwy Truck and Tire Safety, PPE, Confined Space, and MSHA Regulations.
- We built a set of stairs in the SRE Building with left over materials from the BBTP project. This will eliminate the ladder that was used to access approx. 320 square feet of space that is not being use to its fullest potential. We will now safely be able to walk up and down these stairs to access the area which we will store plumbing, electrical, and other building materials.
- All of the lights in the Town Hall were cleaned and bulbs were replaced if they were needed.
- Our safety meeting this month was "Seat Belts" and the importance of using them, conducted by William H.

Respectfully Submitted,

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